

## EIGHT ITEMS IN MOFFAT BIDS

Include All the Work Except Bridges and Track-laying.

RATES BETTER MAINTAINED

NORTHERN LINES ESTABLISH LOW RATES VIA POCATELLO.

Bids for the construction of the Moffat road from Coal Creek to Rollinsville have been opened at Denver. The bids came from every part of the country between New York and Portland, Ore., and embrace all the work excepting the building of railroads and bridge building. The comparisons will probably be finished today, when the name of the successful contractor will be made known.

Those who competed for the work are: Utah Construction company, Ogden, Utah; Winters, Parsons & Boomer, Spokane, Wash.; J. R. DeRemer, Denver; George S. Good & Co., El Paso, Tex.; C. E. Higbee & Co., Salt Lake; Kilpatrick, Brown & Collins, Beatrice, Neb.; Pacific Coast Construction company, Portland, Ore.; E. C. Phillips & Son, Longmont, Colo.; Streeter, Lusk & Co., Chicago; McArthur Bros., Chicago; Osmann, Crook & Co., Pueblo; Carlisle, Dittmar & Webb, Denver; W. C. Bradbury & Co., Denver; Clough & Anderson, Colorado Springs; John H. Stacy, New York; Ferguson & Williams, Denver; J. P. Ryan & Co., Denver.

The proposals were opened by Chief Engineer Sumner. Eight separate items were embraced in the bids, including the grubbing and clearing of trees, brush and other obstructions, the building of earth excavations and embankments, the removal and disposition of loose rock, the blasting of solid rock and its removal, besides the rip-rap work and the slope walls to be built along the mountain side. The other two items are for the tunnelling and the timbering. Each of the items in the bids is compared separately.

If the big tunnel of the proposed Moffat road takes as long to build as some engineers have estimated, it may require four years to finish the work. The tunnel will be about two and one-half miles long and at \$40 per foot the estimated cost of the work will amount to a cool half million. Some engineers believe the work can be done in 700 days or about two years. This is the time in which the Denver engineers expect to finish the tunnel. Much will depend on the obstacles met. If considerable rock is encountered, the work will move faster. If the character of the tunnelling is such as to require much timber work progress will not be so fast.

### RESTRAINT ON COMPETITION.

Interstate Commerce Commission Regarding Public Interests First.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The tendency to combine continues the most significant feature of railway development, according to the annual report of the Interstate commerce commission issued today. The report says:

"It is not open to question that the

competition between railroad carriers which formerly prevailed has been largely suppressed or at least brought to the condition of effective restraint. The progress of consolidation in one form or another will at no distant day confine this competition within narrow and unimportant limits because the control of most railway property will be in the hands of a few individuals, whose common interest impels them to act in concert. While this will insure, as probably nothing else can in equal degree, the observance of public tariff and so measurably remove some of the evils which the act designed to prevent, the resulting situation involves consequences to the public which claim the most serious attention."

### LOW RATE CAMPAIGN.

Tickets to Livestock Convention Routed Via Pocatello.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroad companies have issued circulars announcing a rate of \$40 for the round trip to the sixth annual convention of the National Livestock association, which will be held in this city on Jan. 15, from Great Falls, Helena and Butte, Mont., and intermediate points, the tickets to be routed via Pocatello. From points in the northern part of Montana rates will be based on Great Falls, not to exceed \$60.75. From Idaho, Washington and Oregon a rate of \$60 for Portland and common points to Kansas City and Butte has been made.

### CLERKS MUST PAY INCREASE.

Railroads Advance Mechanics' But Cut Salaries of Other Employees.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 17.—The difficulty which western railroads are finding in keeping enough mechanical help is affecting, in a peculiar manner, the clerks they employ. Some of the roads, the Santa Fe included, have begun reducing salaries of the office employees. The high wages paid to mechanical help makes it necessary to retrench in expenses, and the roads are doing this among their office forces. No organization exists among the clerks, but it is understood that steps will be taken to request the roads to discontinue the reduction policy.

### Snow Plow Kept Ready.

One of the indications of the season is the big snow plow in the Oregon Short Line shops. The plow was hauled out several days ago and stands upon a side track with a locomotive and several tenders. The plow has not been used in five years, but it is kept prepared for an emergency and the engine is ready to be fired up on short notice.

### Railroad Notes.

Grant Pauley, city passenger and freight agent of the Colorado Midland at Colorado Springs, has tendered his resignation.

T. J. Tobin, chief clerk of the Leamington cutoff work, was in the city yesterday. He has had practically full charge of the work under Engineer Ashton since the retirement of Engineer W. F. Watson.

C. E. Brainerd, one of the immigration agents for the Oregon Short Line who is helping to populate Idaho with easterners, was in the city yesterday.

William Darke of the Burlington and Robert Wilson of the Colorado Midland have returned from a trip to Chicago.

H. S. Lydiard of the Northwestern office has gone east on a vacation.

L. L. Downing of the traffic department of the Oregon Short Line has returned from a trip east. He says the weather was fierce.

## BUILDING BOOM BEATS RECORDS

Banner Year in Salt Lake City is 1902.

GROWTH TOWARD SOUTHEAST

WATER SYSTEM IS GREATLY EXTENDED, IN PROPORTION.

The year about to close is unequalled in the history of the city in the amount of money that has been expended in erecting new buildings. Since the city was established no year can approximate the present one in improvements, and even with the phenomenal building record of 1901, that year is over \$1,000,000 behind its predecessor in the amount expended in new structures.

The annual report of City Building Inspector F. M. Timmer, which is in course of completion, will show that up to the 15th of this month the sum of \$2,388,420 has been expended in new buildings and in additions to old ones. Five hundred and two new buildings have been erected during the year and 117 additions have been added to the old ones which were improved. The total cost of the new buildings was \$2,023,194, while the additions cost \$185,226 up to the 15th of the present month. That amount is over \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount expended the previous year for the same purposes. In 1901 425 new buildings were erected at a cost of \$944,800, while 130 old buildings were improved to the extent of \$130,025, making a total of \$1,074,825. For ten years past the building records of none of the years will approximate by a large amount the sum which has been expended this year.

Growth Toward the Southeast.

The city at large has, of course, benefited by the enormous outlay of money in the erection of new buildings, but in the southeastern portion of the city in particular has received more than any other section a share of the improvements. A large per cent of the total amount expended has been used for the erection of new dwelling houses in that part of the city south of Third South and east of State streets. Other parts of the city have also benefited by the building boom, but in the southeastern portion innumerable new residences have already been erected, while others are being built as rapidly as possible.

### Water System Grows Fast.

The marked development of that section is also verified by the annual report of the superintendent of the water department which is being prepared. During the past ten years an average of 394 permits have been issued by the department per year, while 771 permits were issued this year up to the 15th of the present month. That number was surpassed only once in the city's history, in the year 1892, when 874 permits were issued. The number issued this year exceeds the previous year by 25 per cent, while that year was far ahead of the preceding ones excepting 1892.

Corroborating the report of the build-

ing inspector that the city has grown more in the southeastern portion than in any other, the water superintendent's report will show that out of 769 permits issued nearly 300 were subscribed for by people living in the First municipal ward, comprising the district mentioned. One hundred and ninety-five were issued to residents of the Second, while the others range downwards to less than seven in the Fifth. The permits issued during the past year average sixty-seven per month, while for the past ten years an average of only thirty-two and five-sixths was maintained. In water permits the year about to close is about 100 per cent ahead of any of the preceding ten.

### OIL MEN GET BUSY

Only Two More Weeks Are Left This Year For Assessment Work.

Only two more weeks remain in which assessment work can be done on oil lands located last year, and there is more or less scrambling on the part of the oil men to get their claims in before Jan. 1 next, the land will revert to the government and will be open for relocation.

When the Utah oil boom started last year large tracts of land were taken up in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming counties, especially in the last named region. The locators, under the law, are allowed a year from the succeeding January to begin work, doing at least \$100 worth of work on each claim. This time will elapse with the year.

United States Commissioner William Howard of Huntington, Emery county, who was in the city yesterday, said that in his opinion about half the oil land located in Emery county would be protected by the present holders. "But our way practically all the best land is being looked after," said Mr. Howard, "and the people are busy taking care of their assessment work. It isn't necessary to drill a well, you know, and the work now being done consists principally in building roads and making other improvements sufficient to hold the land."

### Holiday Economy

As well as feeling that you have secured positive bargains, if you take advantage of our 25 per cent reduction sale on Smoking Jackets.

BROWN, TERRY & WOODRUFF CO., 166 Main Street.

### Are You Going

To see Carstensen & Anson for a bargain in a piano for Christmas?

Temple of Music, 51-53 So. Main St.

### Our Xmas Offering

To customers: We offer our entire line of Smoking Jackets at 25 per cent discount.

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### HOLIDAY RATES

One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Return limit Jan. 3, 1903. City Ticket Office, 201 Main Street.

### Open Evenings.

A special discount of 10 per cent on all Toys bought after 6 o'clock p. m.

THE LACE HOUSE.

## JACK DAVIS IS NOW AT LIBERTY

Finally Pardoned by the State Board of Idaho.

END OF CELEBRATED CASE

IN THE SHADOW OF THE GALLOWS FOR SEVEN YEARS.

(Special to The Herald.)

Boise, Ida., Dec. 17.—"Diamondfield" Jack Davis was pardoned today by the votes of Governor Hunt and Secretary Bassett. Attorney General Martin voted against the pardon.

"Diamondfield" Jack Davis is the most notorious convict in the Idaho penitentiary, and his case reads like a romance. Davis was a swaggering, blustering bully, who was in the employ of Sparks & Herrold, cattle kings, operating in Utah, Nevada and Idaho, and who had a large ranch in Cassia county, Idaho, and grazed their herds upon the public domain. There were usual broils between their employees and the sheepherders, who attempted to use the range for their flocks. In 1895 two herders, named Cummings and Wilson, were found foully murdered in this section and suspicion pointed to Davis, especially as peculiar cartridge shells known to fit his rifle were found in the vicinity of the herders' camp. Davis fled the country, was arrested in Nevada, brought back, tried, convicted and sentenced to hang. A man named Short swore that Davis, while drinking in a Nevada saloon, had boasted to him of committing the crime. Sparks & Herrold put up money to defend the man, and the case was fought through the courts to the supreme court of the United States. While in its progress a man named Jeff Gray, also an employee of the cattle firm, "confessed" that he had killed the herders in self-defense. He was tried for the crime and cleared, being defended by the same attorneys who defended Davis.

Davis' attorneys attempted to get a new trial, which was denied in the district court on the ground that the application came too late. This decision being upheld by the supreme court of the state, an appeal was made last year to the pardon board, which commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Now came John Sparks, the cattle king and millionaire governor-elect of Nevada, and asked for a pardon for the convict, in whose defense it is claimed he has expended \$30,000. Governor Sparks asserts he believes the man innocent, and hence the interest he has taken in his case. An affidavit filed by Davis' attorneys made by Short states that the latter was drunk when Davis (Short) now thinks Davis was referring to the shooting of another herder by Davis in self-defense.

Davis received his name of "Diamondfield" by an alleged discovery of a diamond mine on Snake river, an account of which was extensively published at the time. He has been a model prisoner.

Big 4 Adv. Co., Tel. 1501 K.

Signs, all sorts, 64 W. 3d South.

## A BALD NEWSPAPER MAN.

Getting a New Crop of Hair, and Has No More Dandruff.

Everybody in the northwest knows Col. Daniel Seale, the veteran journalist and publisher of Butte. Jan. 30, 1900, the colonel writes: "I used a couple of bottles of Newbro's Herpicide with marvelous results. The dandruff disappeared; a new crop of hair has taken root, and the bald spot is rapidly being covered."

Herpicide is the only hair preparation that kills the dandruff germ that digs up the scalp in scales as it burrows its way to the root of the hair, where it destroys the vitality of the hair, causing the hair to fall out. Kill the dandruff germ with Herpicide. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample. The Herpicide Co., 40 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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## ANDERSON INSURANCE AGENCY.

HUGH ANDERSON, President. C. WARNOCK, Secretary.

18 South Main St., Salt Lake City, P. O. Box 977. Telephone 155.

Fire, Life and Accident INSURANCE

Aetna, of Hartford ..... \$14,071,948

Fireman's Fund, of California ..... 4,579,013

Scottish Union & National of Edinburgh, Scotland ..... 18,852,302

Alliance, of England ..... 21,830,000

Hamburg-Bremen, of Germany ..... 5,000,000

Northern, of England ..... 80,729,485

Royal Exchange, of London, England ..... 20,000,000



## "I Feel Like a Two-Year-Old."

HOW OFTEN THAT IS SAID BY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN CURED OF Nervous Debility by the Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt? They say it every day. Men who have been weak, gloomy, irresolute and who had no confidence in themselves at all, are now looking up their heads in pride, with the knowledge that perfect strength is restored, that they are as good as any man that walks, and better than any man of their size. You know how are weak now and wish you could be as good as any man of your size. You can if you will use this grand invigorator.

## Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt.

DR. McLAUGHLIN—Dear Sir: I will say that I am perfectly satisfied with my investment and would not take any amount of money for it if I could not get another one of your Belts. Thanking you for your kind advice, and wishing your Belt continued success, I remain, Yours respectfully, W. H. EWING, Douglass, Wyo.

They come every day from everywhere. There is not a town or hamlet in the country which has not cured by Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt. Now, what does this mean to you, dear reader? If you are not what you ought to be, can you ask any better proof to make you try it? Is there a remedy which is as simple, as easy to use, as sure to cure and as cheap as Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt? I have not seen one. You must try it. Justice to yourself and to those who look to you for their future happiness, try it now, right this minute. Such a matter ought not to be delayed. It is as good for women as for men. Worn while you sleep, it causes no trouble. You feel the gentle, glowing heat from it constantly, but no stinging, no burning, as in old style belts. Send for my beautiful book, full of the things a man likes to read if he wants to be a strong man. I send it, sealed, free. Cut out this ad.

Dr. M. B. McLaughlin, 931 16th Street, Denver, Colo.

# 25% OFF

## An Extra Holiday Announcement

### Thurs., Fri. and Saturday

We will give 25% off on our entire stock of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Coats, Suits, Dresses, Tea Gowns, Skirts, Furs, Waists, Dressing Sacques, etc.

Remember, this sale is for one week only, at

# 25 Per Cent Off

# The LACE HOUSE

## UTAH'S GREATEST STORE.

<p><b>LADIES' Quilted Japanese Silk Dressing Sacques</b>, in red and navy blue. Real value is \$10 each. This sale..... <b>\$7.38</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' French Flannel Dressing Sacques</b>, with half fitted back and loose front, trimmed with satin ribbons; colors are pink, blue and red. Worth \$5.50 each. This sale..... <b>\$3.82</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Elderdown Dressing Sacques</b> in two desirable styles, trimmed with fancy stitching, applique and satin ribbons; all colors. Worth \$3.50. This sale..... <b>\$1.83</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Black India Silk Negligee</b> especially adapted for traveling. ment. The value is \$9.97. This sale..... <b>\$9.97</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' 27-inch Velvet Coats</b>, lined with heavyweight colored satin; Very tastefully trimmed with mohair braids. Regular value is \$14.95. This sale..... <b>\$14.95</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' three-quarter length Box Coats</b>, Made of excellent quality Irish frieze; lined with black satin; has velvet collar. Regular value is \$12.42. This sale..... <b>\$12.42</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' High Storm Collarets</b>, made of fine grade Krimmer fur, with tall trimmings. Regular value is \$16.50. This sale..... <b>\$12.37</b></p>	<p><b>LADIES' Krimmer Muffs</b>, of excellent grade of fur. Well made and worth \$5.50 each. This sale..... <b>\$3.67</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' fine black Electric Seal Muffs</b>. This sale..... <b>\$2.83</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' fine Blue Fox Boas</b>, 72 inches long. Excellent value at \$10 each. This sale..... <b>\$7.33</b></p> <p><b>INFANTS' Double Capes</b>, Bedford cord, trimmed braid, insertion and satin ribbon, well worth \$6.25 each. This sale..... <b>\$4.12</b></p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S Light Cashmere Dresses</b>, in white, blue and pink, yoke trimmed with ribbon and insertion, ages from 1 to 4 years, values up to \$5.00 each. This sale..... <b>\$2.93</b></p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S Dresses</b>, an excellent assortment, in sizes 6 to 12 years, made in sailor, French and accordion pleated styles, all colors and materials worth to \$7.75 and \$7.00. This sale..... <b>\$4.98</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Elderdown Bath Robes</b>, in red, gray, blue and pink; full length and trimmed with bias satin bands and lace tassels. cord; sells for \$6.00 each. This sale..... <b>\$4.42</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Suits</b>, splendid new line just received in Russian blouse, Norfolk and light filling jacket styles; all colors and materials, desirable and worth up to \$35.00 each; 11.69 extra special at..... <b>11.69</b></p>	<p><b>LADIES' Walking or Pedestrian Skirts</b>, full line of all the new fabrics and styles of make, all colors and worth up to \$6.50 each. This sale your choice..... <b>\$3.88</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Silk Petticoats</b>, all colors, accordion pleated flounce, trimmed with small ruffles; values up to \$7.50 each. This sale..... <b>5.42</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Fleece-lined Wrappers</b>, made with yoke, trimmed with embroidery and fancy braid, deep flounce and full width skirt; regular value \$1.75 each. This sale..... <b>1.22</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Silk Waists</b>, splendid assortment of styles, plaids, fancy checks or plain colors, values up to \$6.50 and \$7.00 each. This sale..... <b>\$4.08</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' French Flannel Shirt Waists</b>, tailor-made and trimmed with bias bands and stitching, very stylish and worth \$5.50 each; This sale..... <b>\$3.97</b></p> <p><b>LADIES' Tailor-made Madras Cloth Wash Waists</b>, quality; this sale..... <b>98c</b></p> <p><b>WOOL SHAWLS</b>, in white only, 45 inches square, worth \$1.75 each; this sale..... <b>1.42</b></p>	<p><b>WOOL SHAWLS</b>, in black only, 45 inches square and worth \$2.68 each; this sale..... <b>\$2.68</b></p> <p><b>WOOL FASCINATORS</b>, all colors, shell stitch, good size and worth 40c each; this sale..... <b>27c</b></p> <p><b>WOOL FASCINATORS</b>, blue, pink, red, black and white, fancy shell stitch, scallop edge, 60c value; this sale..... <b>38c</b></p> <p><b>WOOL FASCINATORS</b>, extra large size and weight, with fancy edge, regular price 70c each; this sale..... <b>53c</b></p> <p><b>WOOL FASCINATORS</b>, extra heavy weight and all colors, sell for \$1.00 each; this sale..... <b>72c</b></p> <p><b>ICE WOOL squares</b>, full yard in size, and worth \$2.50 each, black and white; this sale..... <b>\$1.87</b></p> <p><b>ICE WOOL Fascinators</b>, 1 1/2 yards square, black and white, extra good quality, worth \$3.00; this sale..... <b>\$2.08</b></p> <p><b>ICE WOOL Fascinators</b>, 38 inches square, black and white, with pretty lace borders, sells for \$1.50 each; this sale..... <b>97c</b></p> <p><b>ICE WOOL Fascinators</b>, 1/2 yard square, very nice quality and stitch, in black and white only, worth \$1.00 each; this sale..... <b>73c</b></p>
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# SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

## Handkerchiefs.

NO BETTER SELECTED stock of handkerchiefs can be found in the city. From the faintest bit of lace and linen combination down to the cheapest. All grades and liberal representation here and at PARTICULARLY LOW PRICES. To those who purchase lots of half dozen or more we will make a "special discount" of 10 per cent during this week's sale.

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## Gloves.

KID GLOVES!  
GOLF GLOVES.  
FABRIC GLOVES!  
WOOL AND SILK MITTENS.  
Stock now complete in every line and prices made SPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE for holiday purchasers. We handle only strictly reliable goods and will change all sizes cheerfully at any time. Purchasers of lots of half dozen or more pairs will be given a discount of 10 per cent from our regular low prices.

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## Leather Goods.

POCKETBOOKS.  
IN THE LEATHER GOODS DEPARTMENT nothing is lacking. No gift is more appropriate or acceptable. Here you find the "latest" in metal, bead or leather chateaux, wrist bags, shopping bags, finger or coin purses, card cases, combination books and purses of every description and price. Many newest novelties just received in gold and silver trimmed card cases and pocketbooks for ladies and gentlemen. The prices are very low.

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## Art Department.

WE FEEL SAFE in saying we have the MOST COMPLETE art department in the city. At this season it is replete with the thousand and one things so much desired, by those skilled in art needle work. In addition you will find hundreds of novelties already made such a pillow tops, laundry bags, pin cushions, dresser scarfs, Mexican drawn work, Oriental cushion tops, etc. Irish point and Battenburgs, etc., and patterns, silks, denims, silkolines, etc., etc. Our stock of silks for fancy needle work has had careful attention and is lacking in nothing.

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## Bric-a-Brack.

A bewildering display of goods under this heading is now ready for your inspection, selected with particular care and offered at prices that will make your Christmas shopping so easy. Here are first shown the new "Benaris" and "Kayzerzin" novelties. Japanese and Chinese pieces, bronze sets, sterling silver and non-tarnishable gold plated sets of every kind. Imported German, Austrian, Italian and French vases, flagons, mugs, steins, etc. Special novelties in mirrors, jewel sets, shaving sets, toilet sets, etc., etc.

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## Books, Toys, Etc.

CROWDS OF CHILDREN here in this department every day since our opening last Monday morning. Hundreds of more than satisfied parents. For the wonderful display of toys, dolls, games, books, etc., etc., together with the surprisingly low prices, brings us many new customers for every purchaser. Many cases of new toys delayed in shipment have been opened up late last week and have been added to the already crowded toy department. Don't buy holiday books of any kind until you've seen this department and learned the prices.

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